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Note: Mr. Eaton says "These are all the Incriptions now to be found in the "Old Burial Place" of this town."xx"I have the Incriptions of the 2d Burial Place copied, which I will arrange and send. These go back as far as 1692."

Memento te esse mortalem

Here lyes ye body of John Person, Senor. Aged 64 years. Deceased Apr. ye 17, 1679.

Here lyes the body of Anna Fiske, first wife of Capt. John Brown, Esquire, who dyed May 30, 1681, in her 36th year. (She was the dau. of Rev. John Fiske, first minister at Wenham, and of Chelmsford.) She was the great-great-grandmother of Rev. Reuben Emerson.

Sargent Thomas Kendall dyed July 22, 1781 aged 63 years.

Memento mori. Fugit hora.

Here lyeth within this arched place, ye body of Deacon Thomas Parker, who was won of ye foundation of ye church, who dyed ye 12th of August, 1683. Aged about 74.

Fugit hora.

Here lyes ye body of Matthew Edwards, Aged 52; deceased Dec. 23, 1683.

Here lyes the body of Mary Bryant, wife to Abraham Bryant, daughter of Thomas Kendall. Aged 40 years. Dyed March 8, 1688.

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Here lyeth ye body of Lieutenant William Hescy; Aged about 70 years, deceased ye 30 of May 1689.

Here lies ye body of Matthew Edwards, who dyed August 12, 1689, in ye 22d year of his age.

Here lyes ye body of Ensigne Nathaniel Goodwin, Aged 51 years, died ye 23 of August, 1693. The memory of the just is blessed.

Here lies the body of Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, wife to Capt. John Brown, Esquire, formerly wife to Rev. Joseph Emerson of Mendon, who deceased Sept. 4, 1693, in the 56th year of her age.

Here lyes the body of Benjamin Hartshorne who dyed May 3, 1694, in the 41st year of his age.

Rebecca Kendall, widow of Dea. Thomas Kendall dyed July 17, 1703, aged 85 years. "Here lyeth the mother of ten who had 175 grand and great-grand children."

Note. Nine where daughters and they, except one who d. young, married into the families of the first settlers - Bryant, Pearson, Eaton, Parker, Nichols, Boutwell, Dunton and Goodwin.

Here lyeth the body of John Smith of Charlestown Bounds (now Stoneham) Aged 37 years. Died March 31, 1704.

Here lyeth the body of Mary Upham, wife to Thomas Upham, who dyed April 21, 1707, in the 33d year of her age.

Here lyeth the body of Mrs. Rebecca Brown, late wife to Capt. John Brown, Esquire and formerly wife to Lieut. Samuel Sprague of Malden; dyed July 8, 1710 in her 77th year.

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Memento mori. Fugit hora.

Here lyes the body of Mr. John Gould, Senr.
Aged about 69 years, who deceased Jany. 24,
1712.

Here lies the body of Mr. Nicholas Brown,
who deceased Sept. 2, 1713 in the 36th year
of his age.

Here lies the body of Mr. Nathaniel Cutler,
Aged 55 years, and 2 months; who deceased
June 7, 1714. - "Blessed are the dead, who
dye in the Lord."

Here lyes the body of Thomas, son of Wm. and
Abigail Hay, who dyed Apl. 28, 1718 aged 14
days.

Here lyes the body of Joseph Brown, who
deceased Oct. 16, 1723 in the 45th year of
his age.

Here lyes the body of Thomas Brown, son of
Mr. Nicholas and Mrs. Rebecca Brown who
deceased April 23, 1724, in the 21st year of
his age.

Here lyes what was mortal of Mr. John
Bachelor, who died Nov. 2, 1732 in the 67th
year of his age.

Here lyes the body of Lucy Emerson, daughter
of Mr. Peter and Mrs. Anna Emerson, who dyed
Feb. 17, 1735, aged 28 years.

John Fitch, son of Joseph Fitch, 3d. Born in
Boston, Oct. 2, 1733. Dyed in Reading July 4,
1739. "For we shall see him as he is."
John: iii,2.

William Emerson, son of Rev. Joseph and Mrs.
Abigail Emerson (of Groton) dyed here Oct. 17,
1753. Aged 4 mo. and 7 days.
Note: This Joseph Emerson was son of Rev. Joseph
Emerson of Malden. Mrs. Abigail was the daughter
of Dr. William Hay of Reading.

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Here lyes buried the body of Mr. Thomas Fitch (of Boston) who dyed Feb. 26, 1754. Aged 28 years, 1 mo. and 13 days.

Here lies the body of Capt. Joseph Fitch, who departed this life March 16, A.D. 1754, in the 60th year of his age.

Nathaniel Bachelor, son of Mr. Nathaniel Bachelor Jr. and Abigail, his wife, dyed Oct. 4, 1754, Aged 2 years, 9 mos. 5 days.

Here lyes the body of Mrs. Hannah Bachelor, consort of Mr. Nathaniel Bacheller, who departed this life Oct. 7, 1754, in the 73d year of her age; Having lived in the married state with her husband above 50 years. "The memory of the just is blessed."

Simeon Bachelor, son of Mr. Nathaniel Bachelor, Jr. and Mrs. Abigail, his wife, dyed Feb. 27, 1755. Aged 4 mos. and 3 days.

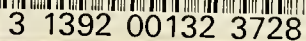
Here lyes the body of Mr. Nathaniel Bachelor, who dyed May 18, 1763 in the 89th year of his age.

Here lyes the body of Mrs. Rebecca Barrett, (formerly wife of Mr. Nicholas Brown and widow of Dea. Jona. Barrett) who died Mar. 18, 1765 in the 81st year of her age.

Here lies the body of Joshua Gould, son of Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Mary Gould, who died Aug. 25, 1772. Aged 3 yrs. 3 mos. 3 days.

Mr. Eaton reported that these are now all the Inscriptions to be read in the "First Burial Place of Ancient Reading and these are fast disappearing.

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